

Wagon of Chickens and Ducks on State Street

Recently, the movie Apple Dumpling Gang was shown on cable. The Walt Disney western movies almost always show a wagon of chickens and ducks being hit by another wagon causing havoc and chaos in the western community.

Lehi streets were no exception. The Lehi Banner reported that on November 21, 1914, the major bolt holding the shaft of Ebbie Christensen's wagon came loose. This wagon was full of chickens and ducks. The wagon tipped over sending the wagon full of chickens and ducks flying all over. The horse ran away causing quite a scene for Ebbie Christensen.

It was reported that little damage was done to the wagons. It does not report what damage was done to the ducks and chickens. I'm sure they were in a real "fowl" mood.

Imagine the scene as Ebbie is trying to catch his run-away horse, gather chicken and ducks and get them back into their cages. It sounds just like the corny Walt Disney movie. Maybe there was more truth to those movies than we thought.

The Lehi Banner reported it as such:

"Ebbie Christensen's wagon, loaded with chickens and ducks was turned upside down on the State Road near Fred Merrill's home Monday. One of the bolts holding the shaft came loose causing his horse to run away. No one was hurt and there was but little damage done to the wagon."